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UNCLAS. FEBRUARY 25 (PASS TO VOA) LEADING, INFLUENTIAL LA PRENSA GRAFICA TODAY EDITORIALIZED ON THE WORLD COFFEE SITUATION, FLATLY DENYING THE SHORTAGE AND PRICE INCREASE IN COFFEE PRODUCTS ARE THE RESULT OF MANIPULATIONS BY COFFEE-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH CAUSED THE PRICES TO SKYROCKET. AMONG THESE ARE THE 1975 BRAZILIAN FROST AND THE WAR IN UGANDA. THESE FACTORS, POINTED OUT LA PRENSA GRAFICA CANNOT LOGICALLY BE REGARDED AS ARTIFICALLY CREATED, JUST AS THE FOURFOLD RISE IN ORANGE JUICE PRICES IN THE U.S., CAUSED BY SNOWSTORM DAMAGE WAS NOT 'ARTIFICALLY CREATED'.

SAID LA PRENSA GRAFICA (SPANISH EXCERPTS):

"... EN LOS ULTIMOS SEIS ANOS HAN OCURRIDO CEIRTOS ACONTECIMIENTOS QUE HAN TENIDO PODEROSE INFLUENCIA EN LA PRODUCCION
CAFETERA. ENTRE ESOS ACONTECIMIENTOS SE CITAN LAS HELADAS
QUE DESTRUYERON MILLONES Y MILLONES DE CAFETROS EN BRASIL...
ES INNEGABLE QUE EL DESEQUILIBRIO ENTRE LA OFERTA Y LA DEMANADA
SE AGRAVO TODAVIA MAS CON LA GUERRA CIVIL EN QUE SE VIO ENVEULTA ANGOLA, OTRO IMPORTANT PRODUCTOR DE CAFE. NI LAS HELADAS QUE DESTRUYERON CAFETALES IN BRASIL, NI LA LUCHA ARMADA
QUE OBSTCULIZO LA PRODUCCION CAFETERA EN ANGOLA PUEDEN, DE
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NINGUNA MANERA, CONSIDERARSE COMO ARTIFICIOS CREADOS POR LOS PAISES PRODUCTORES. ASI COMO NO PUEDE CONSIDERARSE ARTIFICIOS EL ALZA TRIPLICADA Y HASTA CUADRUPLICADA DEL JUGO DE NARANGA EN LOSEE.UU. A CUASA DE LA RUINA DE LOS CITRICOS POR LA NIEV

EN LA FLORIDA... ES POR ESTO QUE LA SITUACTION CAFETERA NO ES EL RESULTADO DE UN CARTEL O MANIOBRAS DESTINADAS A PRODUCIR

ESCASEZ ARTIFICIAL DEL PRODUCTO. ES POR ESO ESTO QUE NADIE, SENSATAMENTE, PRODRIA O DEBERIA TRATAR DE COMPARAR LO QUE OCURRE CON EL CAFE CON LO QUE OCURRE CON EL PETROLEO.

"EN SITUACTIONES DE ESCASEZ DE CUALQUIER PRODUCTO, EN CUALQUIER PARTE, SIEMPRE APARECEN LOS QUE QUIEREN APROVECHARSE DE LA SITUACION, LOS QUE BUSCAN GANANCIAS ILICITAS. Y POR LO GENERAL OBTIENEN EXITO MINETRAS NO SE NORMALIZAN LAS CONDICIONES DEL MERCADO. Y CON LA DIFICULTAD DE NORMALIZAR LA SITUACTION DEL MERCADO CAFETALERO INTERNACIONAL PROBABLEMENTE VA A TROPEZAR LA 'INVESTIGACION' LEGISLATIVA (DE UNA AGENCIA REGULADORA FEDERAL DE LOS EE.UU)".

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